

COUNTRY Hungary

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TOPIC Veszprem-Szentkiralyzsabadja Airfield

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1. The airfield near Veszprem (P 48/D 78) - Szentkiralyzsabadja, which covers an area of 1,500 x 2,200 meters, was occupied by the Hungarian Air Force prior to 1945. It is bordered by a railroad embankment to the southeast, a woods to the northeast, a field path to the southwest and fields to the northwest. The surrounding area is hilly and partially covered with woods. A paved approach road extended to the field from Szentkiralyzsabadja. The soil was soft after a rain. In March 1952, about 100 workers were leveling the landing field. No drainage facilities were available.
2. Three hangars, each about 50 x 100 meters and with an annex at one side, were located on the northeastern edge of the field. Two hangars were being used, while the third one had not been completed during the war. Some lathes and a crane were located in one hangar. About 50 meters from the hangars, there were camouflaged aircraft revetments which were surrounded by earthwalls and bushes. A fuel dump consisting of three containers, which projected about 2 meters above the ground, was located in the northeastern corner of the field. Three or four railroad tank cars were observed at the field. There were no taxiways or runways. [] 150 to 200 kg bombs in crates were stored in the bomb dump in the middle of the western edge of the field. The bomb dump was guarded by a sentry. Another sentry was permanently posted near the aircraft. No AA gun emplacements, obstacle lights or other lighting facilities were observed at the field. [] any air activity.
3. In the fall of 1951, the field was occupied by a Hungarian Air Force unit. Subsequently, a Soviet unit arrived which was still there in March 1952. In March 1952, 60 aircraft, low-wing monoplanes with two in-line engines and double rudder assemblies were observed at the field. According to the soldiers at the field, the planes were Pe-2s. *

25X1 [] Comment. Since the statements on location and installations at Veszprem-Szentkiralyzsabadja airfield agree with previous information it is believed that the reported occupation of the field by a Soviet bomber unit may be correct.

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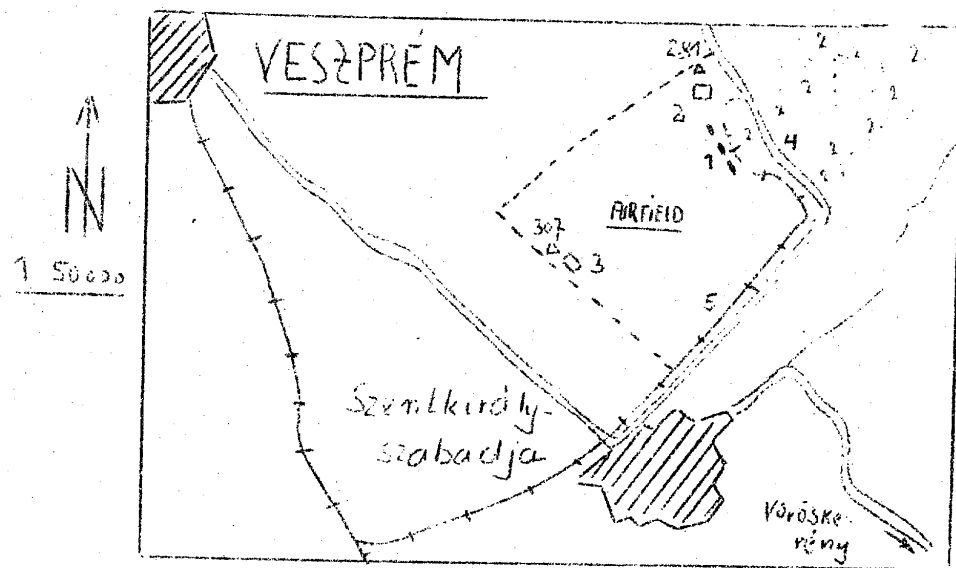


Since the beginning of 1952, four bomber regiments of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army evacuated airfields in the Vienna-Aspern and Deutsch Wagram areas to permit a future occupation by fighter units. The bomber regiments left for undetermined destinations. It was previously assumed that these regiments were transferred to airfields in Western Hungary. From the present report it is believed that Veszprem-Szentkiralyzabadja airfield has been occupied by two bomber regiments of the Fifty-Ninth Air Army which are equipped with Pe-2 planes. For sketch of airfield, see Annex.

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Annex

Veszprém-Szentkirályszabadja Airfield



Legend:

- 1 Three hangars with attached workshops
- 2 Fuel dump
- 3 Bomb dump
- 4 Unidentified buildings in the woods
- 5 Railroad embankment of spur track; rails and ties were removed after the war.

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